

COLLEGE of SAN MATEO

Office of the President • Executive Report to the Board of Trustees

AUGUST 13, 2008



COLLEGE HOSTS OPENING DAY & WELCOME FESTIVITIES

The college has been busy gearing up for Opening Day festivities and the beginning of the new semester. On August 15, the college will kick off the semester with a continental breakfast followed by an all-college meeting in

the gymnasium. Presentations will include a welcome-back speech by **President Mike Claire**, with remarks by representatives from the Academic Senate, AFT and CSEA. Following this meeting, faculty will attend department meetings and assessment workshops designed to assist in the assessment of SLOs and the development of departmental assessment calendars.

On August 13, the college rolled out the “blue” carpet and warmly welcomed new students as a prelude to formally beginning their studies at CSM. This new event, appropriately named, Welcome Day, included campus tours, displays of programs and services, lunch and entertainment. Welcome Day was coordinated by **Aaron Schaefer** and **Fauzi Hamadeh** of the Student Activities Office.

Beginning on Monday, August 18, the college will deploy dozens of faculty and staff wearing blue CSM t-shirts as part of Operation Welcome Mat, a college wide customer service effort to help students find their way around campus. The “operation” consists of several information stations and volunteers strategically located around campus to help direct students and answer questions. Operation Welcome Mat will serve students throughout the first week of classes.

PRESIDENT’S LECTURE SERIES BEGINS 6TH YEAR

The President's Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing is proud to announce that on Friday, November 21, the series will host the internationally acclaimed anti-death penalty activist and author **Sr. Helen Prejean**. Her best-selling book, “Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States,” was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and was developed into an Oscar-winning movie and the basis of an internationally-acclaimed opera. “The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions” is her second book. She gives lectures worldwide and has been nominated many times for the Nobel Peace Prize. Sister Helen’s website can be accessed at <http://www.prejean.org> Sister Helen will speak from 12:10 to 1pm at a location that will be announced. Following the lecture, a reception with light refreshments and a book signing will take place. For more information, please contact 650.574.6314. The President's Lecture Series is free and open to all CSM and district employees. The series is being made possible by a generous grant from the Lane Family Charitable Trust.



CSM HAS MAJOR PRESENCE AT COUNTY FAIR



The college's participation at the San Mateo County Fair is in full swing through Sunday, August 17. More than 120 CSM volunteers are involved in the college's many exhibits which are housed in large room in Fiesta Hall. Among this year's programs and services being exhibited are biology and health, horticulture and floristry, electronic music, ceramics and sculpture, cosmetology, foreign languages, astronomy, CSM Coastside, Community Education, Study Abroad, Financial Aid, EOPS, Financial Aid, Veterans Club and Masterworks Choral. In addition, the college is providing a number

of musical performances by CSM's Jazz Ensemble, Electronic Music Program and the CSM Bulldog Band at an outdoor venue. The college's presence at the fair is being coordinated by **Alex Guiriba**, program services coordinator in Student Services and staff from the Public Relations and Marketing Office. According to the San Mateo County Fair website, 150,000 guests are expected to attend this year's event.

ORIENTATION FOR NEW FACULTY

New faculty orientation was held last week for newly hired, full-time faculty members. The day's program included information about the Faculty Handbook, Committee on Instruction, basic Skills Initiative, and renovation and design build. Special presentations included an Astronomy Day pre-show and an interview with World War II survivors by the broadcasting department. The group also enjoyed lunch and participated in a campus tour. CSM's new full-time faculty members are: **Jane Jackson** (music), **Colleen Kirby-Banas** (dental assisting) and **Lee Miller** (political science). A separate orientation was held for new adjunct faculty.

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► CSM student **Ursula B. Williams** was recently honored by the Soroptimist International of Millbrae/San Bruno at its Annual Service Awards Dinner. Williams, a single mother with sole support of a 7-month-old son, and a former heroin addict, won the Women's Opportunity Award, which goes to a woman who is returning to school to better her family circumstances. She expects to graduate with an associate degree from the in December and wants to be an office manager to support her family.

► **Fred Baer**, CSM sports information director, has covered eight Summer Olympics since 1972 and is currently in Beijing serving as an official at the Pacific Association, a regional arm of the U.S. Track and Field Association. His assignment is to provide coverage of track and field events for a number of media groups. An interview with Baer about his experience as an Olympic journalist was carried in the August 3 edition of the *San Francisco Examiner*.

► CSM transfer student **Rachel Perey** (*right*), recently won a first place award in the 3C Media Solutions Community College Film and Video Festival. She and two other CSM students, Noel Chavez and Leo Medrano, created an AIDS awareness promotion titled, *Educate Yourself*. Rachel, a broadcasting major, is currently attending San Francisco State University and working at KCSM where she has the opportunity for more hands-on broadcasting experience. 3C Media Solutions delivers media content to the California Community Colleges through television and the internet; it is grant funded through the State Chancellor's Office.





► CSM alum **Daniel Zoughbie** (*left*) is the founder of Global Health Micro-Clinics, a series of small clinics that provide communities with a social, educational and clinical network to access information and tests for diabetes. Daniel, who transferred to UC Berkeley, where he received his bachelor's degree in urban studies, has set up 300 micro-clinics in Amman, Jordan. Over the next two years, he anticipates establishing another 500-1,000 clinics throughout Jordan. Global Health Micro-clinics has received the support of the Jordanian Ministry of Health and Queen Rania's health organization. While a student at CSM, Daniel volunteered to help **Dr. Zelte Crawford**, professor emeritus of ethnic studies, with the Twilight Youth Basketball program for underprivileged youth. His work resulted in a successful fundraising campaign, and this experience gave him the confidence and knowledge to pursue his own fund raising and community building for his Global Health initiative. He is a native of Pacifica.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ Jazz Under the Stars - Saturday, September 6, 8-11pm
(*weather permitting*)
Building 36, Rooftop Observatory
Free and open to the public.

- ★ Planetarium Show - Friday, September 12, 7:30pm
(*with a second show at 8:20, if needed*)
Building 36, Planetarium
Free and open to the public.

